



Washington School for the Deaf
SERVING DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN
THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF WASHINGTON

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Transportation guidelines and expectations for student and parents

While riding WSD provided transportation, students will observe the following guidelines:

1. Parents/guardians may only choose one regular bus stop/airport. The student's assigned bus/plane is the only bus/plane the student is allowed to ride. WSD will only transport students from Vancouver, Washington to the student's designated stop/airport on the weekend travel dates. (Please refer to the school calendar for specific travel dates). WSD will not transport students to other destinations unless the other destination is served by the same bus/plane, in which case the student may get off at a different stop. Parents/guardians can change student's travel plans by submitting a Travel Release Form by 5:00 PM on the Tuesday prior to the change.
2. A WSD transportation monitor will supervise students on the bus or at the airport. Students are expected to treat all adults with respect.
3. Students who fly on commercial airlines are subject to all FAA rules and guidelines. The airlines reserve the right to refuse service to a student who does not follow FAA expectations.
4. Transportation monitors will not allow any student on the bus unless their name is on the Weekly Student Travel List.
5. Students must wait for the transportation monitor to give them permission to board the bus/plane. Students are not allowed on the bus/plane without a transportation monitor present.
6. Students must be on bus/plane by the time it is scheduled to leave.
7. Students may only board their assigned bus/plane.
8. Once the student has boarded the bus he/she must remain on the bus. Students may not get off the bus without the transportation monitors permission.
9. All students are to remain on the bus/plane until their assigned stop unless permission is given from the transportation monitor/flight attendant to get off.
10. Students under the age of 18 will not be left alone at the bus stop/airport. WSD staff, airline personnel or parents/guardians must supervise all students, under the age of 18.
11. In case of emergency, students will follow all directions given by the adult in charge.
12. All students are to remain in their seats with his/her body facing forward. Students are not allowed to stand in the aisles and talk. Students are not to sit on armrests or kneel on their seats. If a student would like to change seats a transportation monitor must give permission.
13. Students are not to drive their own vehicle to WSD without prior written permission from parents/guardians and the Residential Program Supervisor or Principal. Students must submit copies of both their driver's license and vehicle insurance and fill out a WSD vehicle contract. Any student wishing to drive their own vehicle to school should contact a Residential Program Supervisor or Principal.



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14. Students who ride buses cannot carry their own medications. This includes prescription and/or over the counter medication. Please refer to the medical procedures for transporting medications. Transportation monitors cannot dispense any medications to students. This includes over the counter medication.
15. Only one student is allowed in the bathroom at a time. Students using the bathroom are required to walk directly to the bathroom. When students leave the bathroom s/he must return to his/her seat immediately. If the bathroom is occupied, the student needs to stay in his/her seat until the previous student is out of the bathroom and in his/her seat. Bathrooms should not be used when the bus is stopped.
16. Only G and PG rated movies will be shown on the bus.
17. All items on the bus/plane (clothing, pillows, jackets, etc.) are to be used for their intended purpose only.
18. Students will not sit in the bus driver's seat or touch any of the bus controls.
19. Students are not allowed to disturb the driver while he/she is driving.
20. To ensure student safety, the interior bus lights must be kept on at all times after dark.
21. All baggage (this includes basketballs, suitcases, boxes, etc.) is to be stored in the baggage compartments. The upper racks and storage compartments inside the bus are to be used for jackets, small packages, backpacks and pillows.
22. Students may not open or close the outside baggage compartment doors.
23. Aisles must remain clear. No baggage, backpacks or legs blocking the aisles.
24. Students are asked to use headphones if he/she wants to listen to a radio or tape/cd player.
25. Students will not use nail polish, nail polish remover, perfume or cologne on the bus/plane.
26. Students are not allowed to bring stink bombs or laser lights on the bus.
27. Students will not draw on his/her body with pencils, pens, felt markers or lipstick. Students will not color or cut hair while on the bus/plane.
28. Students will not smoke, chew tobacco, use drugs or alcohol while on the bus/plane.
29. Students are not allowed to chew gum on the bus.
30. No animals are allowed on the bus/plane. This includes birds, fish, small rodents, dogs and cats.



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31. Beverages are to be in plastic, metal or paper containers with lids or resealable caps to prevent spilling. To ensure student safety, no glass bottles or glasses are allowed on the bus/plane. Small juice cans are permissible.
32. Students are expected to put all trash in the garbage bag provided. Students are expected to clean up after themselves at all times.
33. Students are expected to wear proper clothing on the bus/plane. Refer to E-3, page 8, for student clothing expectations.
34. Arguing, inappropriate language (swearing, harassment, sexual talk, violent talk and/or offending another person), inappropriate physical contact (hitting, wrestling, intimate or sexual contact) is not allowed. WSD's Discipline System is in effect at all times on WSD provided transportation. Refer to the Student Conduct Code, E-1 through E-3.
35. Vandalism will not be tolerated. Students will not destroy, deface or damage any property on the bus/plane. Vandalism will be reported to the Residential Program Supervisors and is subject to the WSD Discipline System.
36. When arriving at their bus stop, students are asked to leave the bus immediately. Excessive, long "goodbyes" are to be avoided.
37. If a student leaves anything on a bus/airplane they should contact the transportation secretary immediately.
38. Changes of address, phone numbers, bus stops or weekend transportation are to be made in writing and submitted to the transportation secretary. Correspondence can be faxed to the transportation secretary at 360-428-4358. WSD will not accept transportation changes by email.
39. If the bus/airplane will be more than 30 minutes late to its designated stop parents/guardians will be called by WSD personnel. In the event a bus/airplane is late the parents/guardians may do the following:

Call the transportation secretary at:

office: 360-696-6525 ext. 4361 (V/TTY)

pager: 360-408-3950 (V)

cell phone: 360-921-1443 (V/Relay)

Washington Relay Service: 360-833-6388 (TTY) 360-833-6384 (V)

Call the transportation monitor's cell phone:

North bus #1: 360-607-8497 (V)

North bus #2: 360-607-8498 (V)

East bus: 360-901-2009 (V)

Flight monitor: 360-607-8496 (V)

In addition to the above guidelines, please refer to the transportation expectations found in the WSD Student Handbook.